

REMARKS

Claims 21-47 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to include these claims and later filed divisional or continuing applications. Claims 28-47 have been added by this amendment. Applicants submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a device, classified in class 606, subclass 80.
- II. Claims 21-27, drawn to a method, classified in class 606, subclass 86.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit that there has not been established a prima facie showing that the claimed inventions are independent and/or that there is a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicants, therefore, respectfully traverse the election requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the initial restriction requirement.

Applicants traverse the election requirement, but elect Group II asserted to include only Claims 21-27, as originally filed. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-20, as originally filed, and have added new Claims 28-47. Applicants submit that new Claims 28-47 are within the scope of the elected Group II and, as such, should be examined with Claims 21-27.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 28-47 have been added by this amendment. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the application as filed. For example, and not be to limited, Claims 1-10, Figs. 1-7, and paragraphs 19-20, 26-27, and 29 all support new Claims 28-47.

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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